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For: ELECTRONIC-MONEY SETTLEMENT
METHOD AND INFORMATION
PROCESSING APPARATUS THEREFOR

REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in full and timely response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 19, 2006.

Paragraph 2 of the Final Office Action includes a rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 9-23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over UK Patent Application No. GB 2 303 956 to Tomoyuki Nonaka et al. (Nonaka).

This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

Claims 1, 3-4 - Claims 3-4 are dependent upon claim 1. Claim 1 is drawn to an electronic-money settlement method comprising the steps of:

recording, in a portable electronic device (5A) and a management center (3A), information on a deposited amount of money, said information being stored in said portable electronic device (5A) in the form of electronic money representing a monetary value; and